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SUBJECT: SYRIAN LEADERSHIP COMMENTS ON ADF DEPLOYMENT

1. AT DINNER IN HONOR SENATOR ABUREZK NOVEMBER 11, I ASKED PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI FOR HIS OVERALL VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON. HE REPLIED THAT WHILE DEPLOYMENT OF ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) WAS PROCEEDING RELATIVELY SATISFACTORILY, SARG REMAINED CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL OPPOSITION FROM PALESTINAIN REJECTIONISTS.

2. SPEAKER OF PEOPLES' COUNCIL HALABI AT SAME DINNER, SAID SYRIA HAD HEARD WARNINGS OVER ISRAELI RADIO AGAINST RESUMPTION OF FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY IN SOUTH. SAID HE PERSONALLY DID NOT FORESEE SUCH OCCURRING AND ASSUMED ISRAELIS WERE SPEAKING PRIMARILY FOR THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

3. FONMIN KHADDAM PREDICTED TO SENATOR EARLIER SAME DAY THAT ADF WOULD ESTABLISH SECURITY THROUGHOUT LEBANON WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AND ALL ELEMENTS WOULD BE "DISARMED" WITHIN 90 DAYS.

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4. COMMENT:

WE VIEW KHADDAM'S PREDICTED TIME FRAME WITH CONSIDERABLE
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